



## PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

week 36

No. 2012-5

Friday, August 31, 2012 at 4:00 pm

[read by: Kendall Henry]

A copy of the 2012 Puget Sound commercial salmon regulations is available on WDFW's website. A copy of the regulations will be mailed out to all Puget Sound commercial salmon permit holders.

**For the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup> all non-Fraser Panel controlled areas are closed except as follows:**

**Areas 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts)** will be open to reef nets from 5 AM to 9 PM daily from Sunday, September 2 to Saturday September 29. Release all chum, sockeye, wild coho, and wild Chinook.

**Areas 7B (Bellingham Bay) and 7C (Samish Bay)** will be open to:

**Gillnets** using 7-inch minimum mesh size:

from 7 AM Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7 AM Friday September 7.

**Hales Pass is closed to gillnets.** Refer to the Puget Sound commercial salmon regulations for the 7B seasonal closure boundary.

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Purse seines must release all coho.

**Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay)** will be open to skiff gillnets, with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 27. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

**Area 12A (Quilcene Bay)** will be open to beach seines from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh, from Monday, September 3 to Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Kendall Henry, the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, at 360-902-2717.

Thank you for calling the commercial fisheries hotline.